

ONE MAN'S OPINIONS

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Justice, Not Charity.—Henry Ford hit the nail on the head when he said that "justice, not charity, is what the workers of the United States require."

The simplest and best solution of many of our ills is a living wage for everybody who is able and old enough to work.

If the young men were paid a wage on which they could marry and raise and educate a family there would be more marrying and less trouble with the sex problem and the so-called social evil.

There would be less vice and less crime. There would be fewer inmates in our prisons, deaf and dumb, blind and insane asylums and other institutions for defectives.

There is little incentive for a man to commit crime or go far in vice if he is earning a fair living wage or getting justice in the way of his fair share of what he produces.

When we read newspaper stories of crime we get the effect, not the cause. What prompted the crime is seldom told. There may have been a starving family, sickness without money to pay doctor's bills — Lord only knows what. All we ask is—Is he guilty or not guilty?

Much of our so-called charity and philanthropy is breeding more beggars—common beggars and uncommon beggars. The uncommon beggars are now getting to be common. I refer to the educated beggars who get their living as charity workers, and begging money from the rich to pay their salaries and expenses.

Many of the rich contributors to this beggar-breeding charity make money by giving to charity and philanthropy a small part of what they save by paying employees indecent, starvation wages.

Too many philanthropists are merely labor-crushers who are giving back a small part of their steal-

ings from labor in order to square themselves with God. But they can't fool God, and can't keep on fooling the people, even though they do succeed in fooling themselves.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS.—If the man who styles himself "A Christian" and says that prostitutes are a necessity would read his bible he would be surprised to find what there is there on the subject. If somebody's pure, innocent girl must be given as a sacrifice, why not his own?

Can you find a smarter, better lot of young men than we find in our bible schools? And still these men are clean in their lives.

So-called Christians are a detriment to the cause of Christ and are keeping many people from the kingdom of heaven.

The seventh commandment, "Thou shalt not commit adultery," means in thought, in word and in deed. Teach your sons to be pure in thought and in word, and the deeds will take care of themselves.

We are taught to follow in the footsteps of Christ. Did Christ do these things? He was tempted like other men, yet without sin. — A Sincere Reader.

TAXES AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

—Jane Whitaker seems to fear an uprising of the unemployed, judging by the tenor of an essay in *The Day Book*.

Comparisons are as a rule misleading, and for that reason comparisons of the present with the past do not illuminate the discussion but tend to confuse. For this reason any reference to the French revolution as being an example of what we may expect some time in the future unless conditions are improved does not help us to come to any satisfactory conclusion in regard to the proper remedy for this condition.

Every evil condition in this world